



June 26, 2015

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RE: 2015 Continuum of Care Appeal(s) for CHI TH Project

Dear Ms. Fisher:

The Iowa Council on Homelessness Executive Committee met on Friday, June 19, 2015, to review and consider appeals that were submitted regarding the scoring and ranking of renewal projects during the recent 2015 HUD Continuum of Care Iowa Balance of State competition.

After review of the appeal letter from Community Housing Initiatives, the committee did not vote in favor of the appeal for either question.

The committee discussed several points relevant to the appeal. They noted that reviewers were asked to provide comments that would be helpful to applicants, but were not required to fully explain their scores for each item. For Question 20, the reviewer comments were: "Contract explained why they didn't spend down 100% but there was no discussion of how they might remedy this next year." Discussion included that there may have been more reason for the score than just the one reviewer comment provided. Discussion also included that there may have been other justifiable reasons for the reviewers' scores, including that CHI's response itself brought up the concern about future spending, even though it wasn't part of the original question.

The committee also considered if either question merited technical correction to the scores, and found that they did not.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Your active participation in this process has been much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donna Phillips, Chair of the Iowa Council on Homelessness



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